

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THE FRIENDLY SKIES RESTORATION ACT

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to introduce H.R. 4577, the Friendly Skies Restoration Act, in order to protect the American public from unfair practices in the airline industry and to ensure that the traveling public has access to reasonable airfare. Monopolistic attitudes and unprecedented levels of market concentration have caused consumer's pocketbook balances to nosedive while airline profits have soared. Congress should act to bring the benefits of full competition to the Nation or else other relief must be brought to bear. This legislation will do that. Consumers deserve policies that will achieve affordable airfare and accessible service.

There is growing public interest and concern over the issue of predatory conduct by major air carriers. Such practices eliminate competition in the air travel industry and create formidable barriers for entrepreneurs to break into the market. As an example of some suspect conduct, one has only to look back to when Northwest Airlines cut its fare from Detroit to Boston to as low as \$69 from an average of \$259 when Spirit Airlines entered the market in 1996. Coincidentally, once Spirit was pushed out of the market, the average fare went up to \$267, exceeding even the original level. More recently, Northwest ran an upstart, Pro Air, out of the Detroit-Milwaukee market and is engaged in some curious behavior in the Detroit to Baltimore market. To provide a level playing field, vigorous competition must be permitted to take root. Unfair exclusionary practices that eliminate that competition must be rooted out.

When carriers respond to new competitors with severe drops and capacity expansion in order to run the new carrier out of the market, it is not good for consumers in the long run because it diminishes the number of options consumers will have by further consolidating the strength that the major dominant air carriers have over the markets today. After a new entrant is grounded, the major carrier simply retrenches and raises fares higher still in its resumed control. This leads to a markedly worse situation for consumers.

Congress expressly gave the Department of Transportation authority to stop any "unfair or deceptive practice or unfair method of competition." Further, Congress has directed the Secretary of Transportation by statute to consider "preventing unfair, deceptive, predatory, or anticompetitive practices in air transportation" as being in the "public interest and consistent with public convenience and necessity." The Department of Transportation's action under this authority has been woefully lacking. The federal government should do its job to help the public.

The Secretary of the Department of Transportation should take real action to advance

the pro-competition policy objectives of the Congress. That action includes ensuring that the Department of Transportation's guidelines, which it is currently developing to deal with predatory activity, are effective. As proposed, the guidelines would permit the Secretary to impose sanctions if a major carrier should respond to a new entrant into a market in an unfair or exclusionary manner. More tools are needed and this bill provides them.

The bill would permit the Secretary to require that any air carrier deemed to be engaged in an unfair method of competition or unfair exclusionary practice, as a condition of continued service on the route involving the violation, to maintain the same levels of capacity and fare pricing that was deemed exclusionary for a period not to exceed two years. Such a tool should give a carrier pause for thought before implementing any activity that would unfairly respond to legitimate competition. Additionally, the bill would increase the monetary penalty for such unfair methods of competition under the U.S. Code from the current \$1,000 to \$10,000 for each day the violation continues or, if applicable, for each flight involving the violation.

There are presently proposals before the Department of Transportation that would combine the Nation's six largest carriers into three alliances with strengthened control over the United States market. The bill would give the Secretary of Transportation the authority to review joint venture agreements or cooperative working arrangements between major air carriers to ensure that such cooperation and integration among air carriers does not result in unfair or deceptive practices or unfair methods of competition that would harm the public.

At the four slot-controlled or high-density airports, the vast majority of the schedules take off and landing slots are controlled by the major carriers at these key hub airports. The airports are: New York's Kennedy and LaGuardia Airports, Chicago's O'Hare, and Washington's National Airport. For meaningful competition to take root, new entrant carriers must have a real opportunity to provide service in those markets. Of the more than 3,100 domestic air carrier slots at these four airports, fewer than forty-five slots are held by all the new entrant air carriers combined. Moreover, foreign air carriers have more than twice as many slots as domestic new entrant air carriers combines. Most of these slots were grandfathered to the major carriers more than a decade ago. The slots are government property, and it is time that the federal government use them to benefit the public rather than just a handful of airlines.

In order to remedy this barrier to competition, the bill would give the Secretary the authority to create, withdraw, and, as a last resort, auction slots at each slot-controlled airport for assignment to new entrant air carriers and other carriers with very limited access. If there is a withdrawal of slots for an auction, the Secretary may not auction more than ten percent for the first auction and five percent for each succeeding auction. Auctions may not

take place earlier than two years from each preceding auction. Income from any auctions would finance taxpayer relief and improved airport infrastructure for the American public. Further, as recent evidence makes quite clear, strikes at hub airports can ground thousands of flights and hundreds of thousands of passengers, even on a daily basis. The bill would permit the President to authorize other air carriers to use the slots and related gates and other such facilities of another carrier which are not in use because of a work stoppage.

Slot possession at the four key airports where such controls are in place is a major issue, but questions like long-term exclusive gate leases at other airports represent just as nearly insurmountable obstacles to real competition in the airline industry. For that reason, it seems to make good sense that such arrangements be reviewed. The bill would direct the Secretary to issue a study on the ability of and proposals for new entrant air carriers and those with limited access at major hub airports to obtain gates and other facilities at airports on terms substantially equivalent to the terms provided to the major carriers already using airport facilities. The airfield must become a level playing field for competition.

It is important that the American public have access to useful information about the market and who in the industry is providing the best consumer value. Various studies by the General Accounting Office and private organizations have shown that concentration in the domestic airline industry continues to grow and is at extraordinarily high levels. Where such concentration exists, fares have increased with a significant impact on residents and businesses in those communities. In order to evaluate consumer value and review potential implications of market concentration at hub airports, the bill would require the Secretary to prepare two quarterly reports for the public. One would rank the top and bottom ten domestic routes with regard to their average cost to the passenger, and the second would rank the large hub airports by market concentration and identify the market share of each airline operating at each of those airports. As has been said, sunlight is the best disinfectant. Let's let it shine on the airline industry.

At best, the promises of deregulation have not been fulfilled. The traveling public is still captive to monopolized routes and airports. Since 1978, the Nation has had unregulated monopoly, instead of regulated monopoly in this industry. While I fully support the goals of competition, two decades of experience only reveal consolidation, diminished choice, and higher prices in many markets. As a last resort, wherever there is insufficient competition the Secretary of Transportation must be empowered to change unreasonable airfares. Such conditions exist where there are less than two carriers in full competition or one carrier controls more than sixty percent of the market share on any route that the public flies. Where deregulation has failed, the Congress should respond and give consumers the relief they deserve.

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The American public has been held hostage by the poor service and inordinate fares at the hands of the cartels in the air for too long. That is why I am pleased to introduce this bill to generate legitimate competition and secure reasonable prices for air travel for the country's consumers.

**BILL TWEET—SAN DIEGO COUNTY
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION
TRADES COUNCIL 1998 LABOR
LEADER OF THE YEAR**

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, and colleagues, I rise today to recognize Bill Tweet, the Business Manager/Financial Secretary-Treasurer of Iron Workers Local 229, as he is honored by the San Diego County Building & Construction Trades Council at the September 19, 1998 John S. Lyons Memorial Banquet as the 1998 Labor Leader of the Year.

Bill is a native San Diegan and was educated in local schools. Following his education at San Diego City College, he served in the United States Army and was stationed in Germany.

He began his career as an Ironworker in November 1967 and graduated from the Iron Workers Apprenticeship Program in 1971. During his tenure, Bill has worked on many of the San Diego County highway bridges on Interstates 5, 8, 805 and S.R. 163 and has contributed his talent to the erection of major high rise projects in downtown San Diego.

Bill first became active in Ironworkers Local 229 when he was elected Vice President of the Local in 1982, a position he held until begin elected to the Executive Board and the District Council of Iron Workers. He served in that position for two terms before his election to the office of Business Representative.

In 1994, Bill was elected to his current position of Business Manager/Financial Secretary Treasurer of Ironworkers Local 229 and was re-elected in 1997. In addition to his duties at Local 229, Bill also serves as Delegate to the District Council, Trustee of the District Council, State of California and vicinity, and Trustee of the California Field Ironworkers Trust Funds.

Organized labor at large in San Diego has benefited from Bill's tenure as Delegate of the Imperial County Building and Construction Trades Council, as a Member of the Executive Board of the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council and currently as President of the San Diego County Building and Construction Trades Council.

The local community has also benefited from Bill's endless efforts. He dedicates his energies to the youth in his community by serving as a "T-ball" coach and serves on the Clairemont Town Council. He has donated his time and trade skills to the community by organizing members of local 229 to join him in volunteering their skills to erect new score boards at the University of San Diego and Mission Bay High School, constructing a new building for the Boys and Girls Clubs of National City and by building the walkway at the San Diego Children's Museum.

Bill Tweet exemplifies the high values, standards and principles of a real community

leader. It is very appropriate that his many efforts on behalf of his local community and of working men and women throughout San Diego County are recognized by this award.

My congratulations go to Bill Tweet for these significant contributions. I admire his dedication and commitment and believe him to be highly deserving of the San Diego County Building and Construction Trades Council's 1998 Labor Leader of the New Year Award.

IN HONOR OF BERNIE FIELDS

HON. SAM GEJDENSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Bernie Fields, a constituent of mine who passed away on August 16, 1998 at his home in Middletown, Connecticut. He will be deeply missed by all of us who knew him.

Bernie distinguished himself as a businessman, a community activist, a husband and a father. He came to Connecticut in 1950 and opened Bernie Fields Jewelers. This family-owned business stayed in downtown Middletown for almost five decades. When many businesses moved out to mega-malls and the suburbs, Bernie remained committed to downtown. His store is like an anchor in downtown Middletown, a familiar site to generations of residents.

Mr. Speaker, Bernie Fields did much, much more than keep his business in downtown. He worked on behalf of his community in countless other ways.

Bernie founded Connecticut's very first Big Brothers/Big Sisters chapter in Middletown in 1961. He went on to help establish eight other chapters around the state.

He served as Director of the local American Red Cross Chapter, the American Cancer Society, the Lions Club and the Big Brothers of Hartford. He was a trustee of the Mount Saint John School. For twenty years he rented out a theater every December and showed free movies for young people.

He won the Connecticut Sports Writers Alliance Good Guy Award, was named the Salvation Army's Man of the Year, and received the American Legion Americanism Award, the Boy Scouts' Good Scout Award, and the Masons' PierPoint Medal. He was also the recipient of this institution's Congressional Volunteer of the Year Award.

Bernie Fields is survived by his wife of 58 years, Helen, his son Martin, his daughter Harriet, eight grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Although all of us who were lucky enough to call Bernie a friend will miss him, we will always remember how much he did to make Connecticut a great place to live.

**A TRIBUTE TO THE PENNYSAYER
NEWS OF BROOKHAVEN ON ITS
40TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in the People's House to ask my colleagues to

join me in honoring the Pennysaver News of Brookhaven and Island Shopper, as publisher Gary Smith and his staff of dedicated employees celebrate this nationally acclaimed publication's 40th anniversary.

Over the past four decades, the Pennysaver News has grown from its humble origins to become the dominant shopper in Suffolk County, Long Island. The growth of the Pennysaver News and Island Shopper is typical of so many American success stories, inspired by elements of talent, work ethic and the good fortune to come of age in the dynamic Long Island business market. Founded by Gary Smith's brother Robert as an 8,000-circulation paper in Bay Shore, the Pennysaver News now has 32 editions with a circulation of 270,000, employing 75 talented staff members in printing, mailing, graphic arts and sales.

In the fiercely competitive Long Island market, the Pennysaver News and Island Shopper are highly regarded industry leaders of National renown. This year alone, the Pennysaver and Island Shopper received three national awards for advertising excellence from the Association of Free Community Papers, while also garnering the First Place award for excellence from the FCPNY.

While the publication has grown in size, readership and stature, Pennysaver News remains family owned and operated, with Robert's son Tim and Gary's daughter Delee now part of the team. This strong sense of family inspires an equally strong devotion to support so many schools, Boy Scout troops, churches, and chambers of commerce throughout the 65 hamlets in the six Suffolk County Townships the Pennysaver and Island Shopper serve.

The success of our national economy depends less upon government programs or multinational companies than upon the hard work and entrepreneurial spirit of small business owners like Gary Smith and his late brother Robert. The Smith's success is predicated on an unwavering commitment to customer service, producing results that increase their advertisers' sales and providing their readers with a valuable resource on local businesses.

So Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in honoring the Pennysaver News and Island Shopper and the entire Smith family for 40 wonderful years of service to the Long Island businesses community and all their readers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CASS BALLENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for rollcall votes 435, 436, and 437 on September 15, I would have voted "yea." I applaud the leadership for bringing these important bills to the floor for a vote.

HONORING NANCY J. SCHILLING

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring

Nancy J. Schilling, a dedicated civil servant in Evansville, Illinois, in my Congressional district.

Nancy serves as the City Clerk for the Village of Evansville and as the Randolph County Civil Defense Director. While her husband, Danny and two children, Roxie and Ryan have always known what a great wife and mother they have, Evansville has been equally blessed in benefiting from Nancy's dedication to her community.

During the flood of 1993, the citizens of Evansville realized just how fortunate they were to have Nancy Schilling as their City Clerk. At a time when Evansville was under great strain facing the damage from the flood, she became the organizing force in re-building the community. Nancy coordinated efforts with the National Guard, Army Guard and Coast Guard to assist in a rapid response flood relief plan. She was also instrumental in securing state and federal grant money to provide critical additional support for Southern Illinois.

What is most notable about Nancy Schilling is her willingness to meet any challenge presented to her with a friendly smile and determined spirit. Nancy Schilling recently recognized her as their Citizen of the Year. I commend Nancy for this well deserved tribute, honoring her integrity, compassion and outstanding commitment to Evansville.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Nancy Schilling for the fine example she has set for us all.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE FLUENCY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 1998

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3829) to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a program to help children and youth learn English and for other purposes:

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Chairman, there are very few people in this body who can claim to be not only a parent of children in bilingual education, but who worked in bilingual education. I am proud to be associated with bilingual education and its implementation on a nationwide basis.

There are legitimate arguments about the implementation of bilingual education and whether it fits some communities. The existing Bilingual Education Act allows for this. It does not force bilingual education on anyone, and if some communities do not want it, they do not have to have it.

There is a legitimate discussion about the length of time in bilingual instruction, and there is legitimate debate about the age factors involved in language learning.

These are important considerations and they should be discussed between parents and educators within the communities throughout the country, in the best tradition of local control and responsiveness.

These are the arguments that are not legitimate. An impression will be given (clearly unsubstantiated and based on anecdotes recir-

culated to mythical proportions) that bilingual education is not about acquiring English. It is, and those of us who support bilingual education support and acknowledge the fundamental truth that life in America without English is a life without economic options and access to the full benefits of American public life.

It is bilingual education that will provide this access to our children and young adults, and the termination of this program in our Nation's educational system will certainly be detrimental to limited English proficient (LEP) students.

On the other hand, this bill we have before us today will take us several steps backward in educating LEP students. The so-called English Language Fluency Act contains provisions unacceptable to me as a Member of Congress, as a former educator, and as a parent.

H.R. 3892 disregards the authority of parents and local schools. This legislation mandates that LEP students entering kindergarten must master English by the end of the first grade. In addition, LEP children must be moved out of specialized classrooms in 2 years, not exceeding 3 years. Because you see, if LEP students need further assistance in learning the English language, and even if school administrators and parents believe further Federal assistance is necessary, after 3 years, this bill will not give these students the educational resources they will require. Common sense would have us believe that children in different age groups will have different educational needs. H.R. 3892 says no. It requires the 3-year limit on specialized learning and will effectively slam the education doors on LEP students needing further assistance.

H.R. 3892 is a violation of the voluntary compliance agreements between the Office of Civil Rights, local schools, and parents if these agreements involve bilingual education. Parties to these agreements will not even be consulted nor will individual consent degrees be examined. These compliance agreements ensure access to quality education for LEP students and protects their civil rights under title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Equal Educational Opportunity Act of 1974.

Voiding these arrangements is another affront to the authority of local schools and robs students of the opportunity to excel in other school subjects. H.R. 3892, with its main focus on English learning, ignores the priorities just as vital to the development of LEP students, such as the basic comprehension of other school subjects like math and science.

Even the funding plans under H.R. 3892 are problematic. Instead of providing funds for the most efficient programs, H.R. 3892 will utilize formula grants for each school district. This legislation means not providing funds to the neediest students, or rewarding the best efforts.

We will soon be considering the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Assessment of the Bilingual Education Program should take place within this context of comprehensive school reform. To initiate legislation at this time, which is what H.R. 3892 would do, is simply rash and foolhardy. We owe it to our children and youth to carefully evaluate and analyze the effects of bilingual education.

My colleagues, I urge you to oppose the passage of H.R. 3892. It is a shortsighted proposal which will serve more to harm LEP stu-

dents rather than aid them. Although the intentions of this legislation are notable, the language in this bill will simply not serve its purpose for it disregards the other educational priorities of LEP students, for their parents and for their teachers.

Vote "no" on H.R. 3892.

SALUTE TO DANIEL F. HALL UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, the men and women who serve this nation as the employees of the federal government are sometimes the forgotten foot soldiers that keep our federal programs running day in and day out. Today, I want to pay tribute to one of these committed public servants, whose upcoming retirement will leave the Nashville District of the Army Corps of Engineers with tremendously large shoes to fill. Daniel Hall has been the Nashville District's Chief of Construction-Operations Division since 1992, but in October he will retire after 37 years of dedicated service to this nation.

He began his career after he graduated cum laude from Vanderbilt University in 1961 with the Bachelor of Engineering degree in Civil Engineering. As a distinguished graduate of Vanderbilt's Army ROTC program, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. His first assignment was as Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer for the 299th Engineer Battalion in Hoecht, Germany.

After active duty, Mr. Hall joined the Vicksburg District Corps of Engineers as a civil engineer intern and was later assigned to the Operations Division. In 1965, he transferred to the Nashville District, where he has been a tireless and ardent engineer. He was handed the honor and responsibility of Chief of Construction-Operations Division in 1992.

Over the years, Mr. Hall has been recognized several times for his outstanding work and service. He received the Meritorious Civilian Service Award. He was twice selected as the Nashville District's Employee of the Year in the Engineer and Scientist Category. He was named Engineer of the Year by the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers. He was decorated by the Secretary of the Army, who awarded him the Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service for his exceptional leadership and technical abilities.

Over the years, Mr. Hall has made an enormous impact in many of the communities in Kentucky's 5th Congressional District that are regularly flooded during times of heavy rains. He has worked on tremendous flood protection projects in Harlan, Pineville, Barbourville, Middlesboro and Williamsburg, which will help save people's lives, homes and property, and promote economic development in one of the poorest regions of the nation.

Today, I want to commend Mr. Hall for his outstanding and effective leadership. His work with the Army Corps of Engineers has made a difference in the lives of so many people, who routinely face the mud and floods of Mother Nature's fury. I wish Mr. Hall all the

best as he embarks upon this new phase of his life. Certainly, he has earned the right to retire, but he will be sorely missed.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DIETARY SUPPLEMENT FAIRNESS IN ADVERTISING ACT

HON. MICHAEL D. CRAPO

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce legislation to reaffirm Congress' intent in enacting the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act (DSHEA). In enacting DSHEA, Congress intended to ensure that all Americans have access to factual information about vitamins and other dietary supplements so that they can make informed decisions about their health.

Among other things, DSHEA requires the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to promulgate reasonable guidelines to regulate the content of dietary supplement labels. The expressed goal of this requirement is to ensure that the labels give consumers information necessary for them to make informed decisions on whether they want to take a particular supplement. The information on the labels is to be factual and cannot make claims regarding medical or disease benefits (which are reserved for FDA-approved drugs), but can inform consumers of the benefits and effects of the supplement. After some fits and starts, the FDA has complied with DSHEA, and consumers are benefiting.

It seems only logical that the same information the FDA allows on the label of a dietary supplement should be permitted for use in advertising of that same supplement. However, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is seeking to regulate the advertising of dietary supplements by denying consumers some of the very information that DSHEA required the FDA to let them have. Not only is it unfair to require the manufacturers of these products to work under two sets of contradictory regulations, but it also repudiates the intent of Congress that consumers have accurate and helpful information in making decisions about their health.

Mr. Speaker, the legislation that I am introducing would require the FTC to allow the same information in advertising of dietary supplements that is allowed on labels of the same products. It simply forbids one federal agency from adopting requirements for an industry that Congress prohibited another agency from adopting.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, on September 14th, I was unavoidably detained and missed four recorded votes on the following bills: S. 2206, The Community Opportunities, Accountability, and Training and Educational Services Act; H. Con. Res. 304, Expressing the Sense of Congress regarding the Culpability of

Slobodan Milosevic for War Crimes, Crimes against Humanity, and Genocide in the Former Yugoslavia; H. Con. Res. 254, Calling on Cuba to Extradite to the United States Convicted Felon Joanne Chesimard and all other individuals who have fled the United States to avoid prosecution or confinement for criminal offenses and who are currently living freely in Cuba; and H. Con. Res. 185, Expressing the Sense of Congress on the Occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Recommitting the United States to the Principles Expressed in the Universal Declaration. Had I been present I would have voted yea on all four bills; roll call numbers 426-429.

DONALD ROSS BROOKS—SAN DIEGO COUNTY BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL 1998 RETIRED LABOR LEADER OF THE YEAR

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to recognize Donald Ross Brooks as he is honored by the San Diego County Building and Construction Trades Council at the September 19, 1998 John S. Lyons Memorial Banquet for his contributions on behalf of working men and women and his community.

Donald Ross Brooks is a native of Nebraska and came to San Diego from Kansas. At nineteen years of age, he joined the Navy hoping to see the world and was stationed at San Diego's North Island Naval Base. Following his three and one half years in the Navy, Donald worked as a police officer for the City of Coronado.

In 1958, he joined the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 36 and worked as a truck driver for twenty years. In 1981, then-Teamsters Secretary-Treasurer Arkie Spoon appointed Brooks to the position of Business Representative for his local. During his ten year tenure in this position, he worked diligently to represent the interests of the construction drivers and warehousemen. He offered encouragement and advice to the Business Representatives of the various Building Trades Unions and served as mentor to his fellow Union brothers and sisters.

While raising his family of four boys, Donald also volunteered his time, energy and skills to the Cowles Mountain Little League. He shared his patience, knowledge and team-spirit with Little League players as he helped to build Little League Fields, served as league president, acted as player's agent and coached teams.

Donald exemplifies the high values, standards, and principles of the work of the late John S. Lyons in community service. I join in adding my sincere thanks to him for his many contributions that have earned him the San Diego County Building and Construction Trades Council's 1998 Retired Labor Leader of the Year Award.

CONCERNING HILL INTERNATIONAL, INC.

HON. STEVE R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to add my full support for the settlement of outstanding claims filed by U.S. companies against the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

In the early 1980's dozens of American companies filed claims totaling hundreds of millions of dollars for debts owed to them by the Kingdom. Following the creation of a formal claims resolution process by Congress in 1993, each of these claims have been settled, save one—the claim filed by Hill International, Inc., a New Jersey company to whom Saudi Arabia still owes over \$55 million.

The merits of Hill International's claims are not in dispute. Our own State Department has promised its full support and has even pledged to aid Hill International in their fight to collect what is owed to them. Dozens of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle have made an appeal for fairness on this issue and have urged Saudi Arabian authorities to settle this final claim promptly. But sadly, to this day, no movement has been realized on this important issue.

Perhaps the government of Saudi Arabia believes their efforts to settle outstanding claims have been "close enough." Mr. Speaker, I want to send a message to Saudi Arabia that as a friend of the United States they should lead by example and pay this final debt.

HONORING DR. MALIK HASAN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to take a moment to applaud and honor an individual of enormous skill, dedication, and achievement who I am lucky enough to count as one of my constituents. His work, which has already been widely recognized, deserves to be mentioned here on the House floor.

Dr. Malik Hasan, who lives in Pueblo, Colorado, is considered one of the finest neurologist's in Colorado, if not the nation. Dr. Masan has worked at the Parkview Medical Center since 1975 and gone to extraordinary lengths to enhance patient care and service in a geographical area in dire need of assistance.

Just a few of his accomplishment over the past twenty-three years at Parkview Medical Center include: establishing and developing a Neurology Services department; establishing a Neuro Intensive Care Unit equipped with the area's first CT SCAN; setting up extensive outreach programs in such communities as Alamosa, Walsenburg, Trinidad and Raton; revitalizing the EEG Lab and beginning an EMG Lab; and donating nearly \$175,000 to help fund Parkview's expansion in order to bring quality health care to those in need.

It is this type of community involvement and unselfish dedication to making the world a better place that has earned Dr. Masan the admiration and appreciation of so many. His deep

personal commitment to improving the lives of those who are less fortunate, and to providing the best medical care possible, speaks volumes about the true character of this remarkable man.

Dr. Hasan immigrated to the United States in 1971 with only \$32 to his name, but has a wealth of desire and passion to succeed in his chosen field. His numerous honors and achievements are too lengthy to list, Mr. Speaker, but suffice to say that he is a man of tremendous accomplishment and vision.

Not content with what he has already done for health care, Dr. Hasan is now in the process of designing health care for the next century and beyond. This bodes well for the residents of Southern Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Hasan is not only a credit to Parkview Medical Center, but to his community and his country as well. His record of success and achievement is one that should inspire us all to improve our own lives as well as of those around us. I am proud to stand here today on the House Floor and talk about this man, his efforts, and all that he has done to touch the lives of so many.

TRIBUTE TO VICTIMS OF THE EMBASSY BOMBINGS IN KENYA AND TANZANIA

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I am sure all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives were horrified by the tragic loss of life in the bombings of our embassies in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam. Twelve Americans and nearly 300 Africans were killed and more than 5,000 people were injured.

We extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of those who died and to those who were injured. The nation owes an enormous debt of gratitude to the men and women who serve our interests overseas, and to their families. We mourn their loss.

For the benefit of my colleagues, the following is a list of the names of the individuals who served in our embassies in Kenya and Tanzania who died as a result of the blasts.

EMBASSY EMPLOYEES WHO DIED IN THE NAIROBI BOMBING

Sgt. Nathan Aliganga, Julian Bartley, Jay Bartley (dependent), Jean Dalizu, Molly Hardy, Ken Hobson, Prabhi Gupta Kavalier, Arlene Kirk, Louise Martin, Ann Michelle O'Connor, Sherry Olds, Tom Shah, Hindu O. Idi, Tonny Irung, Joel G. Kamau, Lucy N. Karigi, Tesia Warimu Kionge, Joe Kiongo, Dominic Kithuva, Geoffrey Kalio, Peter K. Macharia, Francis W. Main, Cecilia A. Mamboleo, Lydia M. Mayaka, Francis Mbogo, James Mathencha Migui, Namayi Moses, Catherine Mukeithi, Kimeu N. Ngamga, Vincent Nyoike, Johnson Kimeo Nzioka, Francis O. Ochilo, Obias Ochola, Maurice Okach, Hudson Nyamher Omai, Edwin A.O. Omori, Evans Onsongo, Eric Onyango, Mungasia (Rachel) Pussy, Farhat M. Sheikh, Shah Umanlal, Phaedra Vrontamitis, Josephat K. Wachira, Adams Wamai, and Frederick M. Yafes.

EMBASSY EMPLOYEES WHO DIED IN THE DAR ES SALAAM BOMBING

Abdalla Mohamed, Abbas William Mwila, Yusuf Shamte Ndange, Bakari Nyumhu,

Mtendeje Rajabu, Mohamed Mahundi Ramadani, and Doto Lukua Romadhani.

TRIBUTE TO MR. WALLACE "WALLY" JOHNSON

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the outstanding efforts of Selectman Wallace "Wally" Johnson. For thirty-nine years Mr. Johnson has worked diligently to further the best interests of his community, Sutton, Massachusetts. Mr. Johnson's incredible career is unfortunately coming to a close since he recently announced that he will not seek re-election when his current term expires.

Wally Johnson has lived in Sutton since the mid-1930s. His first job after high school was with the clean-up crew after the Hurricane of 1938. At a time when people were trying to put their lives back together, Wally Johnson was there to help. Wally worked on his family's farm, as well as giving his neighbors a helping hand when they needed one. Even as a young man, Mr. Johnson displayed his fervent desire to make Sutton, Massachusetts a better place.

Before being elected to the Board of Selectman, Mr. Johnson served his country for four years during World War II. From 1942-1946, Mr. Johnson, along with his fellow brave American soldiers, defended the American way of life, ensuring us the right to live free. The strength of character that Mr. Johnson needed to fight in World War II has stayed with him to this day.

In a time when many people in the United States are trying to expand into every rural area, Mr. Johnson has remained steadfast in his conviction that Sutton retain its old town character. He demanded that the new Town Hall be placed on the exact site of the old Town Hall and he has recently decried local urbanization efforts which he feels would bring hardship to the residents of his town. He believes that the old way of doing things is the better way and he has dedicated his career to keeping the morals and values of his youth alive in Sutton.

His service, dedication, and strong character have made Wally Johnson an indispensable member of his community. I am proud to count Wally Johnson as one of my constituents and feel honored to represent a person of his quality in Congress.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN W. "RED" LARSEN BY HIS WIFE

HON. VAN HILLEARY

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Mr. HILLEARY. Mr. Speaker, please enter into the RECORD today the enclosed material written by Mrs. Betty Larsen and sent to me by Mrs. June Griffin of Dayton, Tennessee.

John W. "Red" Larsen was born in Charleston, South Carolina, on September 13, 1927 to George Oliver and Marguerite Hochslander

Larsen. He spent part of his childhood in Somerville, South Carolina. His great-grandfather, whom he knew while a child, was a shipwright, which may have had some influence on his choice of the Navy for his military service.

His parents separated, and his mother took Red and his two older brothers, Herman and George, to New York City. Red spent his teen years in what was known as "Hell's Kitchen" and became big city street-wise. This area has since been torn down and replaced with what we know today as Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

Red enlisted in the Navy near the end of World War II. He worked in communications as a signalman, worked for some time as a submariner, and was trained in underwater demolition. He eventually gained the rank of CPO. He was in the Navy for 13 years, traveling to many different places throughout the world, and also saw service in the Korean War.

In the early 1970's, Red became concerned with the legitimacy of several aspects of our government's actions, especially pertaining to the federal income tax. He spent considerable time and effort studying, researching and talking with various sources. He also assisted several persons with tax difficulties. One of the results of his studies was an 83 page book, written in the late 1980's, *Slavery, American Style*. The book discusses in some detail the unconstitutional nature of our current income tax system.

Another interest was our individual rights and freedoms as American citizens, including property rights. Red also made a significant contribution to several communities in demonstrating the unconstitutionality of zoning laws.

In 1944, Red moved to Tennessee for its warmer weather and excellent state constitution. The first article in the Tennessee State Constitution is its Bill of Rights. He continued his studies and contacts with other patriots, and was starting to publish a series of newsletters entitled "Truth Bird Reports." Only one report had been published at the time of his death on July 7, 1998.

A memorial library which will contain many of Red's books and papers will be established in Altamont, New York, at the home of a long time friend.

RECOGNIZING THE MANASSAS EXPRESS SOFTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE BABE RUTH SOFTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of a talented and dedicated group of young women from Manassas, Virginia. The Manassas Express 12-and under girls' softball team represented the Commonwealth of Virginia in Houma, Louisiana, last month at the Babe Ruth Softball National Championship and earned the title of National Champions.

The Express team is formed from the all-stars of the Greater Manassas Softball Association (GMSA) league which is affiliated with the Babe Ruth organization. The GMSA league has two seasons: Spring, which is competitive and standings are kept on wins and losses; and fall, which is instructional in nature and no wins and losses are counted.

The league was established to promote fast-pitch softball for girls in the Manassas-Prince William County area.

The members of the team are: Stephanie Gaynard, Katie Lee, Laura Hundemer, Courtney Bures, Kesha Robinson, Julianne Sudduth, Kristin Windle, Lydia Sumner, Kelli Rotter, Alyssa Kemmerer, Alexis Hochstrasser, Brittany Alexander-Smith, Jasmine Davenport, Katie Speaks, and Ashley Demaret. They are coached by Mike Windle, Mike Bures, and Donald Alsberry; and their scorekeeper is Tony Gaynard.

Through their hard work, the Manassas Express members have been ambassadors of sportsmanship for Manassas, Prince William, and all of Virginia. On behalf of the citizens of the 10th District, we say to them, congratulations.

HONORING PHILADELPHIA DIVA PATTI LABELLE AND BROADWAY STAR DOUGLAS SILLS

HON. JON D. FOX

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two outstanding entertainers who are being recognized for their talents and their dedication to charitable causes.

On Thursday evening, September 24, Ms. LaBelle will receive the "1998 Distinguished Arts Award" by Pennsylvania Governor Thomas Ridge as part of the Governor's Awards for the Arts.

Broadway superstar, Douglas Sills, currently the Tony Award nominated star of *The Scarlet Pimpernel* at the Minskoff Theatre on Broadway is being honored by the Leukemia Society of America with the "Shining Star Award" in recognition of his commitment to charitable causes as well as his enormous talent. Among his theatre credits are the Los Angeles production of Tim Rice's *Chess*, the national touring company of *Into the Woods*, by Stephen Sondheim, the First National Tour of *The Secret Garden* and regional programs throughout the Nation. On television he has had roles on "Coach," "Empty Nest," "Models Inc.," "Party of Five," "Sisters," "Sliders," and "Women of the House." His film credits include *Funny About Love*, *The Swan Princess II*, *Escape from Castle Mountain*.

Mr. Sills holds degrees in theatre from the University of Michigan and the American Conservatory Theatre. He is a two-time Dramalogue Award winner and a charter member of the Antaeus Project at the Mark Taper Forum and Produced Dinah Was in Los Angeles. His role of Percy in *The Scarlet Pimpernel* has brought him numerous honors including the 1998 Theatre Award for Best Actor and the Drama League Award for Outstanding Artists. He was also nominated for the 1998 Best Actor Tony Award and as Best Actor for the Outer Critics Circle Award, FANY Award and the Theatre World Award.

Patti LaBelle is a musical sensation, dazzling audiences for an incredible 37 years. Born in Philadelphia, Ms. LaBelle has been singing all her life, first as a child in the Beulah Baptist Church gospel choir and then, as a teenager, in the legendary girl group Patti LaBelle and the Bluebells. In 1961, the Blue-

bells hit the charts with its first single, "I Sold My Heart To The Junkman" which went gold. The group recorded a number of songs which made the top 40 and played the best R&B venues in the Nation including the Apollo Theatre in Harlem, the Uptown in Philadelphia and the Regal in Chicago.

In 1970, a dynamic change in image, sound, costume, management and message gave birth to the renamed trio—Labelle. The group's sound blended soul, funk, rhythm and blues, gospel, pop and high-intensity rock-and-roll, while their futuristic costumes and theatrical staging made an unforgettable impact. Labelle's gold album, *Night Birds*, yielded the number-one single of 1975, "Lady Marmalade."

On October 6, 1974, Labelle made history as the first black vocal group to appear at the Metropolitan Opera House where thousands of audience members included Bette Midler and Jackie Onassis.

Patti LaBelle made her solo debut in 1977 when she played to overflow audiences in New York, Chicago, Washington, DC, and a dozen other cities. Since then, Patti LaBelle has gone from triumph to triumph and strength to strength. Her one-woman Broadway shows have shattered box office records, she has starred in her own prime-time television special and weekly TV series, "Out All Night." She starred in the national tour and Broadway revivals of the gospel musical *Your Arms Too Short To Box With God* and the role of a nightclub singer in the motion picture, *A Soldier's Story*, which was created especially for her.

Over the past 21 years, Patti LaBelle has recorded more than 50 albums and established herself as a major solo recording artist with classics like "You Are My Friend," and "If Only You Knew." She has garnered 10 Grammy Award nominations and the 1992 Grammy Award for Best R&B Vocal Performance; seven NAACP Image Awards (including the coveted "Entertainer of the Year Award"), three Emmy Award nominations, two American Music Awards and a Cable Ace Award. In 1996, Boston's Berklee College of Music presented Ms. LaBelle with an honorary doctorate. Her autobiography, *Don't Block The Blessings*, was a national best seller and earned the NAACP Image Award for outstanding literary work. A cookbook, *LaBelle Cuisine: Recipes to Sing About* should be released soon.

Ms. LaBelle is also well known as a humanitarian. She serves as spokeswoman for the National Medical Association, the Minority AIDS Council's "Live Long Sugar" campaign, the National Cancer Institute and the American Diabetes Association. The National Cancer Institute will receive \$90 million in additional research funding and \$10 million a year over the next five years for education and outreach programs if the Laurie Beechman Memorial Act, which I was proud to author, becomes law.

Mr. Speaker, these two extraordinary artists are a clear example of the spirit of the entertainment community when it comes to helping those in need. Patti LaBelle has a long record of working for a variety of causes and has been an outstanding member of the Greater Philadelphia community for many years. Douglas Sills is a young man with a bright future ahead of him. An excellent singer, Douglas has also shown a keen acting skill which will

allow him to do both singing and non-singing roles. Two years ago, the "Shining Star Award" was given to a constituent of mine, Laurie Beechman.

Another reason I am so proud to stand here and tell you about these brilliant performers is that they are both scheduled to perform in a tribute concert—*Let The Memory Live Again! A Musical Celebration For Laurie Beechman*—on November 30 at the historic Walnut Street Theatre in Philadelphia to raise money for GILDA'S CLUB®. These two outstanding entertainers are just a couple of the many talented artists who will join together to raise funds to battle ovarian cancer, the disease which took the life of Laurie Beechman in March after a nine-year struggle against the disease.

I am amazed that all these wonderful performers are willing to give what little time off they have to help others. But, it seems to be a Broadway tradition to reach out like this because Laurie Beechman performed at many events of this kind. In fact, just two years ago, she and Sam Harris performed at *Rainbow and Stars* to raise money for the battle against AIDS. Now, Sam will be co-hosting the tribute to Laurie, a woman he called his "musical soulmate," along with Ms. LaBelle.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be associated with Patti LaBelle and Douglas Sills who represent the heart and soul of the entertainment industry which has dedicated itself to the battle against these afflictions and have reached out a hand to those in need. As a result of the Laurie Beechman Tribute Concert, GILDA'S CLUB® will be able to reach out to more people with cancer and their families.

November 30 will be a night of stars at the Walnut Street Theatre and none will shine brighter than Douglas Sills and Patti LaBelle. But, I'm sure they would be the first to tell you that the real stars that night will be Laurie Beechman and the long struggle against ovarian cancer she wages even after her death.

I insert these comments in the RECORD so all may know of the accomplishments of these two fine performers in the hopes it will awaken a similar dedication to humanity in each of us.

PROMOTION OF A DRUG-FREE AMERICA

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to promote the Drug-Free America Blue Ribbon Campaign. As part of a resolution detailing how our children are at risk, the U.S. House of Representatives has declared September 13-19, 1998, as Blue Ribbon Week. This selected week, shortly after most children return to school, allows Americans to join together in waging a strong campaign to win the War on Drugs by the year 2002. We must protect our children from drugs and we must support our law enforcement community in the fight to keep our streets safe.

The efforts to reduce the incidence of substance abuse, including abuse of alcohol and illicit drugs is a major public policy issue in the United States. An estimated 52 million Americans experience a mental health or substance abuse problem every year, with less

than half obtaining treatment. According to the state health department, 343,000 residents of North Carolina are in need of comprehensive substance abuse treatment. Over the last 30 years, Congress has initiated a variety of federal efforts supporting the prevention and treatment of, and research relating to, substance abuse and mental illness.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), an agency of the Department of Health and Human Services, is responsible for supporting mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment services throughout the country by providing technical assistance, categorical grants, and block grants to the states. This vital agency was created in 1992 and provides funds to states for alcohol and drug prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation programs and activities.

Providing sufficient funds to states for drug prevention is vital to winning the war on drugs. Without adequate funding, states will not be able to provide the necessary treatment and assistance to those in need. The Administration has requested a proposed funding level of \$17.1 billion next year in National Drug Control Funding, a 6.8% increase over the estimated \$15.9 billion provided in Fiscal Year 1998. In addition to increased funding, the Administration has also proposed a National Drug strategy. The drug initiatives in the new strategy build on five goals: (1) Motivate youth to reject illegal drugs & substance abuse; (2) reduce drug-related crime and violence; (3) reduce health, welfare, and crime costs resulting from illegal drug use; (4) shield the U.S. frontiers from the drug threat; and (5) break foreign and domestic drug supply sources. Congress must do its part and support the Administration's efforts.

Protecting our children from drugs and supporting safe streets and communities are top priorities for me. I strongly believe we must not retreat in our battle to save people from the scourge of alcohol and drugs that destroys so many precious lives. As the former two-term Superintendent of North Carolina's public schools, I know firsthand the importance of strong anti-drug abuse programs. I supported and worked on the Safe and Drug Free Schools Program during my tenure as Superintendent, and I oppose the effort of some Republican Members to terminate Safe and Drug-Free Schools.

As the Representative of the Second District of North Carolina, I am committed to continuing to work to protect our nation from the dangers of drug abuse. I am also strongly committed to assisting the state and grassroots organizations in my district who know first hand how to combat the devastation of drug use. I believe that it is vitally important to keep an open line of communication with hospitals, treatment programs, and other grassroots organizations to gain valuable input into how we can move forward together in this fight to erase drugs from our streets.

Since taking office, I have been honored to visit many groups and organizations in the Second Congressional District who are diligently working to rid their communities of drugs. In order for us to claim victory in this effort, we must break the cycle of drugs and crime and help state and local governments implement drug testing and treatment for drug abusers. In December of last year, I met with the Sanford Chamber of Commerce Drug Ac-

tion Committee located in Sanford, North Carolina. This group, comprised of concerned citizens, meets on a regular basis to coordinate programs and provide information to combat the substance abuse problems in Lee County. The group's goals include involvement of local students to increase community awareness and communications with area legislators to keep us informed of breakdowns in the judicial system and sentencing for offenders.

Earlier this year, I met with staff and toured the Triangle Residential Options of Substance Abusers (TROSA), located in the Research Triangle Park of North Carolina. TROSA is a two year residential self-help initiative serving drug and alcohol abusers. For some, TROSA serves as an alternative to incarceration. The only program of its type in the Triangle, TROSA serves men and women at no cost to the individual. Residents reside in a highly structured environment for two years. The initiative emphasizes vocational training, education, and interpersonal communication skills. There are three major rules governing all TROSA residents: there is to be no use of drugs or alcohol; no threats of violence; and no acts of violence. TROSA is known throughout North Carolina for its success rate and works closely with North Carolina universities to provide valuable educational and self-help programs for its residents.

In July of this year, I joined the Johnston County Drug Action Coalition (JCDAC) in the National Drug Control Policy Town Meeting Anti-Drug Campaign with the President and the Director of the Office of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) General Barry McCaffrey. JCDAC, which is located in Smithfield, North Carolina and is run by Dr. Judith Coats Kolcum, joined the Johnston Community College family, law enforcement officials, drug groups and students in this national discussion on drugs. JCDAC's mission includes a comprehensive, long range educational approach addressing not only problems but offering solutions. Its belief that the use of illegal drugs, the abuse and/or misuse of alcohol affects every citizen of their County and the state. The ugly results of addictions are seen through the loss of health, lost of income, increase in crime, broken homes and quality of life in general. As a solution, JCDAC offers that the cycle of addiction and drug abuse can be broken, by providing effective prevention policies to assure that addiction treatment is available and accessible to all who need it.

Also participating in the Town Meeting was the Day By Day Treatment Center. The Day By Day Center is located in a peaceful rural area of Johnston County, just outside of the town of Selma, North Carolina. Day By Day is a grassroots organization that has been instrumental in delivering treatment services to those individuals struggling with substance abuse issues. The Center is a modern facility which offers an intensive concentrated program of drug and alcohol addiction recovery education, based on the traditional Twelve Step Programs of Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous. At this time, I ask unanimous consent to enter into the record a statement prepared by Ed Ward, Executive Director of the Day By Day Treatment Center of Johnston County, Inc.

Many believe that legalization is the answer to efforts to control drug use. I strongly dis-

agree with this observation, and based on recent polls 70% of Americans also disagree with drug legalization. According to the ONDCP Director General McCaffrey, lacking the present combined social disapproval, illegality, and law enforcement efforts against illicit drugs, the number of chronic addicts would skyrocket from an estimated 4 million or less addicts today to 15 to 20 million. I strongly agree with General McCaffrey, and believe that drug legalization would increase drug use in the public schools, create higher numbers of drug addicts and overdoses, and more drug-related crimes.

The House is expected to vote this week on legislation to promote an agenda of zero tolerance of drugs. These bills which I strongly support, take necessary steps to win the War on Drugs. They are as follows:

H.J. Res 117, Opposing Medicinal Marijuana. The measure expresses the opposition of Congress to legalizing marijuana for medical use.

H.R. 4006, Lethal Drug Abuse Prevention Act. The measure revokes the right to prescribe drugs for doctors who have dispensed drugs for the purpose of assisting a suicide.

H.R. 4300, Western Hemisphere Drug Elimination Act. The bill is expected to strengthen international efforts to combat the trafficking of illegal drugs into the United States.

H.R. 4550, the Drug Demand Reduction Act. The measure would authorize funds for a national anti-drug media campaign; creates programs to promote drug-free workplaces, prisons and schools, and to reduce drug use by teenage drivers; provides market incentives for drug companies to develop anti-addiction medications; and consolidates certain Federal anti-drug programs.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to close by saying that we have a tough battle ahead in order to reach our goal of total eradication of drugs by the year 2002. We must work with school groups, civic organizations, and anti-drug coalitions to increase public awareness about America's drug crisis and establish a consistent "no-use" drug message. I pledge to do my part in supporting legislation that will further our goals, and protect our nation from the perils of drugs. I urge my colleagues to join this effort and show the world that we are committed to work together on a bipartisan basis to wipe out drug use in America.

A great number of reliable statistical studies* show and prove that addiction disease (alcohol and drug dependency) is our nation's number one health problem. Approximately 18 million Americans are addicted to alcohol. Almost 13 million Americans over 12 years old have used illegal drugs within the last month and another 11 million abuse tranquilizers and other psychotropic medications. Addiction disease costs every citizen of our nation about \$1,000 a year for unnecessary health care, added law-enforcement, automobile wrecks, crime, and lost productivity. The tragedy that the disease inflicts upon the emotions and psychological well-being of families is immeasurable.

Public policy toward addressing addiction disease is aimed too heavily at cutting supply rather than toward prevention, education and treatment. Addiction disease continues to be

*Note that some statistical references were obtained from: Treatment Addiction/Advancing the Common Good a Join Together publication.

viewed with stigma, its victims seen as morally weak, often criminal or bad rather than sick people suffering from a chronic biopsychosocial illness.

In my own district, I'm brought face to face with the reality of untreated addiction disease and the difficulty of persons getting appropriate treatment. I recently conversed with representatives from Day By Day Treatment Center located in Selma, North Carolina who informed me that the treatment facility faces tremendous economic pressure due to cutbacks in Medicaid funding, managed care denials of appropriate services, ongoing stigma, and other adversities. This occurs when there is great need and existent studies pointing to the reality that treatment works.

Without appropriate treatment, victims of addiction disease are cost shifted to the criminal justice system or more expensive medical care to address other diseases such as cirrhosis of the liver which are secondary to untreated addiction disease.

It costs about \$6000 to treat a victim of addiction disease as an inpatient at Day By Day Treatment Center or about \$2500 for an outpatient program when appropriate. The tragedy is that our health care system cost shifts to the criminal justice system where the cost is up to \$37,000 annually to keep one person in prison who wouldn't be there in the first place had addiction disease been addressed initially.

As a nation we must:

Treat addiction disease on an equal basis with treatment of other diseases.

Provide for a more well educated citizenry in addiction disease from layman to professional.

Provide for more research aimed at better treatment and more appropriate outcome studies.

Today, so many of our society's ills can be traced directly to addiction disease. Let us all not only be acutely aware of the tremendous amount of work that needs to be done in addressing addiction disease, but also of the enormous opportunity and possibility to enhance all of our lives if we will make the effort.

INTRODUCTION OF BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION TO ENSURE WASH- INGTON STATE USES ITS SHARE OF THE STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR COVERAGE OF ADDITIONAL CHILDREN UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, the entire Washington State Delegation today introduced legislation that would allow our state to participate in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). The legislation we crafted represents the culmination of more than a year's worth of effort to ensure Congressional action on this issue.

I ask that you exercise your leadership of the Congressional majority to expedite the passage of this measure in a non-controversial manner.

To illustrate the vigor of our Delegation's commitment to advancing this issue, I have at-

tached for your information the text of the following letter which the entire Washington Delegation today sent to The Honorable Donna Shalala, Representative TOM BLILEY, and Senator WILLIAM ROTH:

We are writing to share with you legislation we introduced today that addresses an issue of critical importance to Washington State and its ability to participate in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

Washington State has a strong record of ensuring that its low-income kids have access to affordable health care. In 1994, Washington raised its child Medicaid eligibility threshold to 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL). The SCHIP program was developed with this objective in mind by expanding Medicaid funding to states that extend eligibility to provide quality health care to additional children.

During the negotiations of the 1997 Balanced Budget Act (BBA), Congress and the Administration recognized that certain states were already undertaking Medicaid expansions up to or above 200 percent of FPL, and that they should be allowed to use the new SCHIP funds. Unfortunately, this provision was limited to those states that enacted expansions on or after March 31, 1997 and disallowed Washington from accessing the \$230 million in SCHIP funds it had been allocated through 2002. As a result, Washington State cannot use its SCHIP allotment to cover the 90,000 children currently eligible, but not covered for health care at or below 200 percent of FPL. Exacerbating this inequity is the fact that many states have begun accessing their SCHIP allotments to cover kids at poverty levels far below Washington's current or past eligibility levels. Correcting this technicality is the top priority for our delegation as we near the end of the 105th Congress and we plan to push for legislative action in the next few weeks to pass this non-controversial measure.

This bipartisan, bicameral initiative represents a thoughtful, carefully-crafted response to the unintended consequences of SCHIP and brings much-needed assistance to children currently at-risk. Rather than simply changing the effective date included in the BBA, our initiative includes strong maintenance of effort language as well as incentives for our state to find those 90,000 uninsured kids because we feel strongly that they receive the health coverage for which they are eligible.

We respectfully request that you join our efforts to move it through the legislative process. We look forward to working with you during the remaining days of this Congress to ensure that Washington's SCHIP funds are used to increase the health of our children, not wasted due to an unintended technical oversight.

Thank you for your cooperation in this effort and please do not hesitate to contact us if we can provide you with additional information.

Sincerely,

Slade Gorton, U.S. Senator; Jim McDermott, Member of Congress; George Nethercutt, Member of Congress; Patty Murray, U.S. Senator; Jack Metcalf, Member of Congress; Norm Dicks, Member of Congress; Rick White, Member of Congress; Linda Smith, Member of Congress; Adam Smith, Member of Congress; Jennifer Dunn, Member of Congress; Doc Hastings, Member of Congress.

REAR ADMIRAL MIKE SULLIVAN

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Rear Admiral Mike Sullivan, United States Navy, as he retires on October 1, 1998, upon completion of over 31 years of honorable and faithful service to our Nation.

Rear Admiral Sullivan, a Supply Corps Officer, has performed in a consistently outstanding manner under the most challenging of circumstances. As the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition) he was responsible for advising the Navy's Acquisition Executive on business and programmatic matters concerning Navy and Marine Corps major weapon systems programs. He also provided policy and oversight for the Naval procurement system which encompasses over 900 activities contracting for more than \$40 billion in weapon systems, supplies and services annually.

Mike, no stranger to anyone in uniform, can reflect on several successful operational tours in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters. He came to his current position after being the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Acquisition and Business Management. His wide range of experience also included, among others', tours at Naval Sea Systems Command, Naval Air Systems Command, the Government Operations Committee of the House of Representatives, and Competition Advocate General of the Navy. And Central Missourians too, know him well: for four consecutive years he traveled to their neighborhood—my congressional district—to counsel and assist small businesses about the requirements of the federal contracts.

A graduate of the University of Kansas, he completed his MBA degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He also attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and Carnegie Mellon University's Program for Executives. His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit (three awards), the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the Navy Commendation Medal (two awards). Married to the former Pam Ross of Leavenworth, Kansas, the Sullivan's have one son, Brian.

The Department of the Navy, Congress, and the American people have been defended and well served by this dedicated naval officer for over 31 years. Rear Admiral Mike Sullivan will long be remembered for his leadership, service and dedication. I am proud to call him my friend. Let me wish him, his wife Pam, and their son Brian our very best as they begin a new chapter in their life together.

A SALUTE TO DR. BILLY TAYLOR,
ONE OF THE GREATEST MUSI-
CIANS OF JAZZ

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Dr. Billy Taylor—one of the greatest pianists ever, who has touched the lives of many

during his fifty years plus in jazz, not only as a pianist, composer, author, activist, teacher, lecturer, and actor, but also as a radio and television personality. Though Dr. Billy Taylor is seventy-seven years old, he's more than young at heart. His current schedule is chock full of performances while he also serves on the faculty at the University of Massachusetts, where he received one of fifteen other honorary doctorates. His series Jazz at the Kennedy Center, an ongoing series of demonstrations-discussions of the history of jazz, is wonderful. He hosts intimate sessions of performance and conversation which enables participants to gain insight into jazz by hearing the music, memories and unique philosophies of some of the greatest musicians jazz has produced.

In 1971, Billy Taylor became the first African American to lead a band on a talk show when he fronted an ensemble of all-stars on the David Frost Show for four years. I know from personal experience, that aside from being a stupendous musician, he's also an incredible human being. He has great respect for other people, and has a wonderful aura of niceness and gentility.

Dr. Taylor founded Jazzmobile, which brings free performances to hundreds of thousands of people. His awards include two Peabodys, an Emmy, and the first Certificate of Recognition given by the U.S. Congressional Arts Caucus and it is with immense pleasure that in this tribute I join the ranks of those saluting the great Dr. Billy Taylor.

TRIBUTE TO CARL TRAIKOFF

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with the greatest pleasure that I pay tribute to one of the leading citizens of Indiana's First Congressional District, Mr. Carl Traikoff, of Highland, Indiana. After serving as one of Northwest Indiana's most distinguished, compassionate, and dedicated teachers for twenty-seven years, Carl announced his retirement on Saturday, August 22, 1998.

A 1956 graduate of Lew Wallace High School in Gary, Carl enrolled as a student at Kansas State University, which he attended for one year. In 1958, he transferred to Culver-Stockton University where, in 1960, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physical Education and Health. Carl continued his education at Northeast Missouri, now Truman State, earning a Master's degree in Physical Education, Health, and Administration. While attending graduate school, Carl also worked as a girls basketball coach, beginning his long and distinguished coaching career.

From 1960 through 1966, he served as a basketball coach at the high schools of Louistown, Clarence, and Centralia. In 1966, he moved back to Indiana's First Congressional District and began teaching and coaching at Calumet High School, in unincorporated Calumet Township, Lake County, Indiana. As Calumet High School's coach, Carl posted 417 wins, for a career total of 477 wins. Indeed, along with these wins, his teams won four Sectional Titles, and he was honored by his

fellow coaches as Coach of the Year six times. Though Carl is acknowledged for his coaching ability, his teaching successes have often been overlooked. He made his mark on the Calumet High School curriculum by instituting a Life Management course and influenced nearly every student that attended the Calumet High School by teaching this class, as well as Health, annually. This legacy, more than any coaching award, is what will live as Carl's greatest achievement. Indeed, his dedication and caring is represented through his four Teacher of the Year Awards, as well as his Inland Steel Teacher of the Year Award.

Carl was always a dedicated and caring coach and teacher. Though he spent most time and effort on his players and students, this did not diminish his devotion to his wife, Margie, and their daughter, Karen. His professional success was complemented by an even more rewarding family life. Now that he has retired, Carl plans to spend much of his time with Margie and Karen, who now works for NASA. He also, he continues to serve as a member of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association, as an instructor and local basketball camps, and as a teacher at Purdue University Calumet.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Carl Traikoff for his lifetime of dedication, service, and leadership to the students and faculty of Calumet High School, as well as the people of Northwest Indiana. Carl's efforts as an educator and a basketball coach blended together to help kids make the most of their potential and earn their success in the world. Northwest Indiana's community has certainly been rewarded by the true service and uncompromising dedication displayed by Carl Traikoff.

IN HONOR OF SAINT WENDELIN PARISH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my best wishes to the parish community of Saint Wendelin Church as they celebrate their ninety-fifth year in Cleveland's Ohio City neighborhood. For almost a century, Saint Wendelin's has served as a spiritual refuge, opening its doors to any soul in search of peace.

Originally serving the Slovak community of Cleveland's near west side, the ministry of Saint Wendelin's began in 1903. It was on May 3rd of that year that the community received permission to found Saint Wendelin Parish. A small church was soon erected, and on December 6, 1903, Father Koudelka celebrated Saint Wendelin's first mass. Not long after, the Sisters of Notre Dame established Saint Wendelin's School. The order would continue to provide quality Catholic education for the next seventy years.

In 1925, the current church and school complex was dedicated. Non-territorial, Saint Wendelin's welcomes all believers to join in worship. It is a testament to the Saint

Wendelin's ministry that Catholics from all corners on the city answer the call to celebrate at the little church on Columbus Avenue.

Cleveland's strong tradition of Catholic education continues at Saint Wendelin's under the direction of Ursuline Sisters with their operation of Urban Community School. Saint Wendelin's facilities serve as a second home to the 300 students of Urban Community. Saint Wendelin's also serves as the headquarters for Heartbeats, Inc., a ministry operated by the Sisters of the Humility of Mary, supporting women from third world countries.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring the parish community of Saint Wendelin Church and its pastor, Rev. Jerome Lajack, as they celebrate mass with Bishop Anthony Pilla in commemoration of 95 years in service to God. A community bound by its faith, the believers of Saint Wendelin's are committed to doing justice, both in the church's surrounding neighborhoods and the world beyond. Let us pray that Saint Wendelin parish continues as a beacon of Christian charity as we enter into the next millennium.

A TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH M. GOMES—"MR. SAN PABLO"

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to invite my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of a truly remarkable individual, Mr. Joseph M. Gomes. I know of no other person who has had such an all encompassing influence on his community. Joe's name is synonymous with the city he represents, and he cannot be denied the moniker, "Mr. San Pablo".

Joe has made San Pablo his home for the greater part of 70 years. It is where he and his lovely wife, Mary, chose to settle and raise their family. Joe spent 35 years with American Standard and another 9 years with Phoenix Iron Works, before ending one career to pursue another. In 1980, Joe was elected to his first term on the San Pablo City Council, and a life of public service was born. Over the past two decades, Joe's leadership on the Council has guided San Pablo through a transformation from a small, isolated community to a thriving urban city—a city which celebrates its cultural diversity, neighborhood spirit and livability.

But Joe is not content to simply fulfill the role of elected official. His commitment extends to active participation in virtually every local club or organization, from the Chamber of Commerce, the Exchange Club, the Eagles and the Moose Lodge to the Salesian Boys & Girls Club and the Brookside Community Health Clinic. Joe's work has always been led by his heart, his concern and caring for all members of his community. Through his selfless service and tireless involvement, Joe has personally touched the life of each and every resident of San Pablo.

I am personally honored to call Joe Gomes a friend and a mentor. On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I would like to salute him and his work.

50TH BIRTHDAY OF THE VERNON
HILL AMERICAN LEGION POST
NO. 435

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 50th year that the Vernon Hill American Legion Post has served the community and honored our veterans in Worcester. To commemorate this event, I would like to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the history of Post No. 435 as recounted by Past Commander, John F. O'Connor. This post of the American Legion has a unique history, and I believe that Mr. O'Connor's account clearly shows that the group of men and women involved with the Vernon Hill Post are true American heroes.

The text of his history follows.

In the fall of 1947, a group of young veterans were standing in front of Joe's Spa, across the street from Vernon Hill Park, getting ready to start a touch football game. There, they were approached to attend a meeting at 9 Ames Street at the home of long-time legionnaire, James B. Lawless, to discuss forming an American Legion Post on Vernon Hill.

Somewhat reluctantly, the young veterans gave up their touch football game and walked to the Lawless home two blocks away, and signed the request to the Worcester County Commander, Bill Blanchard, for permission to create the Vernon Hill Post American Legion. He denied the initial request because Worcester already had 16 American Legion Posts, more than an adequate number. Commander Blanchard sent word that if the Vernon Hill Veterans wanted to join, there were plenty of nearby posts to accommodate them. In typical Vernon Hill fashion, the group of reluctant joiners now became determined to have their own post.

Mr. Lawless, a World War I veteran, with Edward F. Wall, presented the Post's case before the Worcester County Council meeting in Upton. Their persuasiveness and persistence paid off, and a charter was granted in the Spring of 1948 to the Vernon Hill Post American Legion #435.

That was the inauspicious debut of what is now the second largest American Legion Post in Worcester County, numbering almost 600 members in the fiftieth year of its existence.

The Post needed quarters, but we also needed a treasury to pay the rent. Ed Wall, and another member, the late Chester G. Trembowicz, the only ones that were working at the time, lent the Post the money to rent our first quarters in a vacant store at 35 Granite Street for \$35 a month. Finally having a "Home", the Post started to raise funds. A bar was constructed with a can of beer selling for 20 cents. A ping-pong table was installed in the cellar and one of the first television sets in the neighborhood was purchased with proceeds from a minstrel show. A huge safe (still being used today) which almost caused the demise of member Billy Reynolds, was donated from its old home on Lamartine Street to Granite Street. In 1951, the Vernon Hill Post purchased a home at 154 Vernon Street for the sum of \$16,500. The Post continued to grow in its new home that featured what the late Joe Fitzgerald called the "Chinese room."

As the post grew and prospered, so did its social functions. Who can forget the New

Year's parties at the old "Johnny Hynes Ballroom"? How many can remember the Past Commanders' banquets that graduated from an upstairs loft at Alaries Tower House on the Cherry Valley/Worcester Line, to the Towncrest on Lake Avenue, to Jimmy O'Day's Edgemere Lodge? How many present can recall the sumptuous steak dinner arranged by Tim Mara and the late Ed Piliski at Thompson's Lodge in Westboro? Everyone present at the banquet marveled at the deal our two chairman had arranged—until they got the bill that almost bankrupted our meager treasury.

Who among us can forget the first New Year's Eve party held in these quarters before we had tile on the floor? We danced on the cement floor and had black legs for a week. A great time was had by all on that first occasion in our own hall, the first of many great times in this room.

The state convention in 1948 was held in Worcester, a rather huge affair at the time . . . World War I veterans joined by World War II veterans just blending into civilian life. Who can forget the huge parade in downtown Worcester featuring superlative marching bands and handsome Governor, Maurice Tobin, in a Panama suit? The new Post Vernon Hill, now about 30 strong, marched in the back of the host delegation behind a huge banner that read "Worcester's Baby Post, Vernon Hill American Legion #435, watch us grow". How prophetic. John McDavitt, a navy veteran, now residing in Brookfield, was dressed as an infant, albeit smoking a cigar and possessing a can of the beverage of moderation, pushed in a baby carriage by his "father", the late Bill Wall, and his "mother" Connie Brosnihan, now residing in Enfield, Connecticut.

In 1966, a bright young navy veteran brought what many older, more experienced, more mature members thought was a preposterous proposition to construct a hospital in Vietnam to honor the boys and girls of Worcester County who lost their lives in this faraway conflict. In 1967, after much effort and preparation by the initiator of the project, the day arrived when all of the "Doubting Thomases" became firm believers in Past Commander Frank Carroll. We became such believers that if Frank said Pope John Paul II is expected to attend tonight's affair, we would keep an eye on the door.

Who could ever forget this fabulous extravaganza? General Westmoreland, the commissioner of baseball, General Eckerrett, and Under Secretary of State Katzenbach drank coffee in the kitchen right in these quarters with Jim Donahue and many other dignitaries. At the bar, the late Gordon McCrea told stories about his football days at Gaskill Field. Who among us doesn't have an avid memory of the affair at the Memorial Auditorium? Present were the celebrities on stage with Marilyn Mayes. There was security everywhere, and the pride of our membership was unmistakable. This humanitarian gesture to assist Dr. Turpin of Project Concern to construct a hospital in the Central Highlands of Vietnam was motivated by an American Legion Post in Worcester led by its imaginative, fearless, persistent, young Commander, Frank Carroll.

The vast number of volunteers, plus the organizational genius called Frank Carroll, made the project a huge success. The Vernon Hill Post American Legion was brought into the spotlight and our post became the most recognizable and envied Veteran's organization in the entire state.

This organization is also extremely active in youth and community affairs. The post's generosity to all who are deprived and unfortunate is well known, but its finest hour is its magnanimous support of the blind children in Ashburnham, Massachusetts.

This post is deeply involved in civil affairs coupled with the welfare of our own community and state. In 1969, an issue of deep concern to all our citizens was automobile insurance. Does that have a familiar ring? In this very room a forum was held to inform our members and all our citizens about a new form of auto insurance. One of the panelists who was proposing the system was a young State Representative from Brookline who went on to some degree of fame and notoriety, Michael Dukakis.

And what American Legion Post in the world had its own basketball and softball leagues where everyone who played had to be a member? Shea's Tavern, Leavitt Drugs, Old Timers, The Associates, and the Livewires were all winners. Does anyone remember the classic confrontation in a gym not far from here between the late Past Commander Bob Bruso and a young Priest, Father Ed Tinsley, now the Vicar General of the Diocese of Worcester?

Even when we didn't have much of a treasury, the post sponsored a team in the Gehrig-Ruth League which continues to this day. This late Jim Spaulding and child welfare chairman, the late Past Commander Ed Cove put together the finest charitable program of an American Legion Post anywhere. In addition to baseball, our post has an unparalleled record in the area of programs for our youth. The scholarship program has aided innumerable sons and daughters of Post members to secure education at the collegiate level. The Boys State Chairman Past Commander John F. O'Connor and many members have participated in the mock trial at the convocation of Boys State.

Who could ever forget the "Minstrel Show" assisted by the late Bob Brady and the spontaneous with of the Past Commander, the late James Spaulding. These various musical delights features many talents, now departed, included John "Blue Eyes" Mahoney. In recent years, we were entertained by our Vernon Hill Legionaries, led by Past Commander Howard Harvey. Who can't reflect on the many occasions that our talented, dedicated choristers, George Handley, Mike Donovan, Pat Carmody and our own little girl now grown to a young lady, Kristen Carlstrom, enthralled us and the always full-capacity audiences?

Our own St. Patrick Day "Hooleys" were always great affairs. Does anyone here remember the Irish Tenor, Tom Riley? The fabulous corned beef and cabbage meals put out mainly by Chet Mills and the late Dick Mitchell were something?

Speaking of food, does anyone remember the sumptuous meals of Duffy Caterers and his Harvard beets? How many can remember the wonderful evenings of superb music of Townsmen and the gifted Janie Morin, fresh from her appearance at Fenway Park in 1967? Down through the years we also had some superb Italian and Polish nights.

What veteran's organization holds its own Memorial Mass and breakfast honoring its deceased members? Recently, the Mass breakfast have been held right here in these quarters with great success and numbers. Citizens of Worcester who have made a contribution to the well-being of our community are honored with an award each year. The award is now highly coveted and respected in this city.

The Vernon Hill Post was the first group of any sort to go on record in favor of the construction of the Worcester Civic Center, now known as the Centrum. Where would Worcester be if we didn't have the Centrum now? The Vernon Hill Post was also the first to endorse the connecting highway from downtown Worcester to the Massachusetts Turnpike in Millbury, a vital link to the economic well-being of our city.

This last December 11th, over 200 senior citizens who ordinarily wouldn't have a joyous Christmas season were our guests here for the 20th year. Howard Harvey and his chorus, the chefs, the waitresses and waiters, the people who contribute their talents, time and resources, are to be commended for their charity and concern.

On occasions, the boys at Nazareth Home in Leicester have been the guests of the Post at the circus, the Red Sox, and the Celtics? Our Honor Guard, especially Bud Hall, has always been present at parades, funerals and other functions. Our antique fire truck is always at the disposal of children of this region.

When you mention names, you run the risk of neglecting someone who has made a sizable contribution to this Post. None the less, we would be remiss if we didn't name some men who have passed on who have made this a great Post. They must be looking down from their heavenly perch with pride; the founder, James B. Lawless, Past Commanders, John C. Wall, Chester C. Trembowitz, Raymond Jermyn, Robert Bruso, Albert Spring, James Spaulding, George Naum, Ed Cove, Bob Coakley, Ed Bulleus, and Red Cochran. We have come a long way in the last five decades from that initial gathering on Ames Street!

We are now the second largest in membership of any American Legion Post in Worcester County. However, by all standards and criteria, the Vernon Hill Post is universally recognized and acclaimed as the finest, most active contributing veteran's organization anywhere. One of our own Past Commanders, Byron McCluskey, was a Department Past Commander, bringing great honor to this post.

This night should serve as a tribute to a great many men who have worked together to make this occasion possible. The cooperation that has made this evening a success has been the hallmark of this group over the years.

In the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution, it says "that we must consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness". May we always continue to look after our fellow human beings with care, concern and compassion.

"Happy Fiftieth Birthday, Vernon Hill Post #435."

TRIBUTE TO THE LEGACY OF WENGER FARM

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the history and legacy of one of Colorado's oldest historic farms, the Wenger Farm, and to pay tribute to all of those that worked to create, operate and protect it. Patented in 1894, the land has been in the family ever since. At the Colorado State Fair, the Wenger family received the Centennial Farm Award in recognition of their history with the land. Located near Yuma, Colorado the farm was homesteaded by Fred Wenger. Bob Wenger and his wife Kathryn took over the farm after Bob served an illustrious duty to his country in the Marine Corps in World War II. Now their son Dick continues to operate the farm where he raises cattle and grows corn. The Wengers are fine examples of what good stewards of the land

Colorado farmers have been. Mr. Speaker, the Wenger Farm has left a lasting legacy for their family, and all of their friends and neighbors in Yuma County. I salute them, and all of the good people who worked to preserve that legacy. We all have a lot to gain from preserving our history and preserving the farming way of life.

TRIBUTE TO ANGELO CATANI

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take this opportunity to say a few words about Angelo Catani, a fellow Floridian, who will be retiring next month.

Angelo distinguished himself in a variety of positions throughout his 30 plus years of service, including his initial employment with the American Machine & Foundry, where he was responsible for installation of the hydraulic lift system on the Titan missile program.

He followed up that position by joining General Electric Co. where for the next 12 years he was involved in engineering programs such as the update of the Possidon fired control systems, Launch Complex-34 propellant transfer system at Kennedy Space Center and the Saturn V, S-IVB stage support equipment.

Following a successful career at General Electric, Mr. Catani joined Aerojet Ordnance Company as Vice President, Ammunition and was responsible for the development of Aerojet's 25mm ammunition programs. In 1983, he joined Olin as Vice President and General Manager of its Defense Production operation. Subsequently, in 1987 he was also appointed President of the Ordnance Division; then in 1993 was elected to the position of Corporate Vice President, of the Olin Corporation; and, finally, in 1997 he was elected Vice President of PRIMEX Technologies, Inc.

Among his many other accomplishments, Mr. Catani was an active member of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA), and the National Defense Industrial Association (INDIA). In 1997, Mr. Catani was inducted into the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame.

Mr. Catani also serves with distinction on the Board of Trustees at the University of Tampa, and is Chairman of the Tampa Bay Watch Foundation. I wish Angelo and his wife, Paige, all the best as they look forward to their years of retirement, in which they will split their time between Florida and their home in Durango, Colorado.

POSTAL EMPLOYEES SAFETY ENHANCEMENT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 1998

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Postal Employees Safety Enhancement Act and in support of safe workplaces across our nation.

This important legislation extends the ability of the Occupational Safety and Health Admin-

istration to regulate the U.S. Postal Service as it would for any private business. This is welcome legislation for the over 2,000 postal employees in the State of Vermont, and the hundreds of thousands in the country.

This bill is supported by the American Postal Workers Union, the National Association of Lettercarriers, the Mailhandlers (Laborers International), and the Rural Lettercarriers Association—every union that represents our postal employees. We should listen to our postal workers who desire the full protection of OSHA.

Mr. Speaker, OSHA is a vital piece of our social contract. It was passed in response to unsafe working conditions that were found throughout the United States, and it has prevented countless injuries and fatalities on the job. Now, 27 years after the passage of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, we should continue our commitment that every worker in America has the right to a safe workplace.

What we have before us today is legislation that says to many of the federal government's most valued employees—those who process and deliver the mail and keep our country on the move: We honor your work and we will protect you from workplace hazards.

Mr. Speaker, every American deserves the full benefits of an OSHA compliant workplace. I urge strong support for our nation's hard working postal employees. Pass this legislation for them, for the people who love them, and for the country that employs them.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Resources Committee, I have worked to advance and strengthen tribal self-governments and promote private enterprise on our Nation's reservations. One tribe that has been a national leader in exercising its self-determination to build a strong tribal government and reservation-based economy is the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

Through the vision of Chief Phillip Martin, the Tribe used its sovereignty to develop a tribal economy to foster a highly responsive approach to providing traditional government services on the reservation. When Chief Martin became leader of the Tribe, he knew that the tribal government had to assume responsibility of government functions rather than they rely on the Bureau of Indian Affairs to take care of its members.

Dramatic gains have occurred during the past 20 years on the Choctaw Reservation. The average educational level of adult tribal members has jumped from sixth grade in the 1970s to twelfth grade today. Life expectancy has also increased by nearly twenty years, and infant mortality has declined substantially. Through the efforts of the Choctaw Housing Authority, housing for tribal members has risen above substantial levels.

The tribal members of the Choctaw Tribe have worked extremely hard to achieve their vastly improved living standard. The innovative

approach to eradicating poverty on the reservation by reaching out to private businesses to invest in the tribe has been very successful for the Choctaws.

I commend Chief Martin for believing in his tribe and taking the risk to develop the enterprises on the Choctaw Reservation. The restoration of the Choctaw Indian tribe is a great American success story of self-reliance and sheer determination that we all can be proud.

HUMAN SERVICES
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1998

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM BLILEY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 1998

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 2206, the "Community Opportunities, Accountability, and Training and Educational Services Act of 1998." Title III of the legisla-

tion reauthorizes the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) through fiscal year 2001, and authorizes \$1.1 billion in funding for fiscal year 2000. The legislation also extends the authorization for the President to release contingency funds to meet the additional home energy assistance needs of one or more States arising from a natural disaster or other emergency. The LIHEAP program is a State block grant program that provides assistance to 4.3 million low income households to help families pay their heating and cooling bills. It is a sound program and should be reauthorized.

On the whole, the legislation does not make significant changes to the LIHEAP program. However, the bill does make one improvement to the program, by clarifying the circumstances under which the President can release contingency funds to meet the additional needs arising from a natural disaster or emergency. There have been problems releasing emergency LIHEAP funds in the past. For example, after ice storms in New England earlier this year the President was constrained by the

provisions of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act regarding the release of contingency funds, since the Act does not define "natural disaster" or "emergency." The bill defines these terms in order to expedite the future release of contingency funds.

The Committee on Commerce has jurisdiction over the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981. As indicated in the exchange of correspondence in the report filed by the Committee on Education and the Workforce, the Committee on Commerce waived referral of the legislation reported by the Committee on Education and the Workforce, H.R. 4271, the Community Services Block Grant Amendments of 1998, in order to expedite floor consideration. However, that does not constitute a waiver of jurisdiction. The exchange of letters also commemorates that the Committee on Education and the Workforce will support a request by the Committee on Commerce for conferees in the event there is a conference.

I urge my colleagues to support S. 2206.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 1998, may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 22

9:00 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings on S. 2470, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System.
SD-406

10:00 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings on the nominations of Sylvia De Leon, of Texas, Linwood Holton, of Virginia, and Amy M. Rosen, of New Jersey, each to be a Member of the Reform Board (AMTRAK).
SR-253

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the quality of care in the VA health care system.
SR-418

2:00 p.m.

Judiciary

Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine issues with regard to the BP/Amoco merger.
SD-226

SEPTEMBER 23

9:00 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine public and private forestry issues.
SR-328A

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on H.R. 1833, to provide for further self-governance by Indian tribes.
SD-562

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting, to consider pending calendar business.
SR-253

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting, to consider pending calendar business.
SD-366

Environment and Public Works

Business meeting, to consider pending calendar business.
SD-406

Labor and Human Resources

Business meeting, to consider pending calendar business.
SD-430

10:00 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services Subcommittee

To resume hearings on information security issues.
SD-342

10:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings on the nominations of Richard Henry Jones, of Nebraska, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan, and Robert Patrick John Finn, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan.
SD-419

2:00 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine United States commercial space launch industry activities.
SR-253

2:30 p.m.

Environment and Public Works

Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee

To hold hearings on the proposed consolidation of the Patent and Trademark Office.
SD-406

SEPTEMBER 24

9:30 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

To resume hearings to examine the safety of food imports, focusing on legislative, administrative and regulatory remedies.
SD-342

10:00 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold oversight hearings to examine recent Midwest electricity price spikes.
SD-366

2:00 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on H.R. 1805, to amend the Auburn Indian Restoration act to establish restrictions related to gaming on and use of land held in trust for the United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria of California, and S. 2010, to provide for business de-

velopment and trade promotion for Native Americans.
SR-485

SEPTEMBER 25

9:30 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

To continue hearings to examine the safety of food imports, focusing on legislative, administrative and regulatory remedies.
SD-342

SEPTEMBER 29

10:00 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the status of United States military forces and their ability to successfully execute the National Military Strategy.
SH-216

SEPTEMBER 30

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

Business meeting, to mark up S. 1870, to provide the National Indian Gaming Commission with resources to monitor and regulate certain Indian gaming operations, H.R. 1805, to establish restrictions related to gaming on and use of land held in trust for the United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria of California, and H.R. 1833, to provide for further self-governance by Indian tribes; to be followed by hearings on S. 2010, to provide for business development and trade promotion for Native Americans.
SR-485

OCTOBER 1

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings on the Forest Service cabin fees.
SD-366

OCTOBER 6

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs on the legislative recommendations of the American Legion.
345 Cannon Building

CANCELLATIONS

SEPTEMBER 24

2:00 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S. 1372, to provide for the protection of farmland at the Point Reyes National Seashore in California.
SD-366